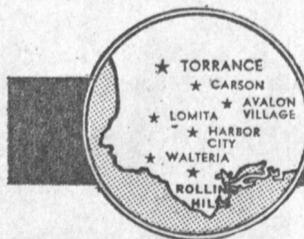


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# City May Chop Administrative Posts from Employee Roster



**BEACH WEATHER BEGINS**—Torrance residents packed the sand at Torrance beach areas this weekend to stave off the effects of muggy weather and to celebrate the closing of school. Until the beginning of school and the end of summer in September, beaches will be the most popular areas in the community.

Here Janet Rader, 15, Sandy Fossen, 16, Tina Killian, 15, and Ginger Ryan, 15, find a convenient spot, close to the water and the snack shacks, and prepare to spend the first day of a care-free summer.

## Petitioners Seek To Oust Little League from Site

Petitions bearing in excess of 500 signatures demanding that a Torrance Little League be denied use of the Victor Tract park site was handed to park and recreation commissioners during their meeting Wednesday night.

Southwood National Little League is currently playing on a parcel of city-owned property near the intersection of Spencer and Victor streets, property that has been earmarked for a future park site.

Owners of nearby property asked that the league be ousted from the land and that development of the park begin immediately, in spite of assurances from commissioners that no money was available for the development.

Recreation department and school officials reported that they had recently inspected a sump site in the vicinity of the proposed park which might be converted into a Little League field if the players should lose their present playing ground. The sump, reported Harry Van Bellehem, recreation director, and S. E. Waldrip, assistant superintendent of schools, is on school property.

No action was taken on the petitions.

## Deletion of Key Posts Awaits Council Action

Two key administrative positions with the City of Torrance may be eliminated in current reshuffling of jobs during budget work sessions.

A strong possibility exists that the positions of senior administrative assistant and assistant director of public works may be deleted from the city's roster.

Present acting city manager John Bramhall, who holds the first of the two positions on a permanent basis, might thus find himself without a post when the new city manager is

hired.

Council could choose to retain him as city manager or, possibly, appoint him to the assistant city manager's post, vacant since Chapman Bone resigned last month to take over as city administrator of La Mirada.

### SECOND POST

Second position reported due for erasure is presently held by Douglas Horlander, who was involved in widely publicized differences of opinion with his department head, Wade Peebles, last month, might have more difficulty finding a

vacant position in the city's service.

Although protected, to a certain extent, by civil service regulations, elimination of his job could force him out of the city's service.

Other job changes suggested by the council included transfer of a clerk-typist from the public works office to another department and elimination of a junior civil engineer from the engineering staff. This would be counteracted by adding a civil engineering assistant and a senior engineering aid to the same staff.



**APPLES FOR FUTURE TEACHERS**—Three senior coeds from Torrance receive apples symbolizing the fact that they are future teachers who will receive \$600 scholarships from the Torrance Education Assn., teacher

group. Here President Willard G. Andraesen presents the apples to Patricia Wallace, North High; Marilyn Flynn, South High; and Kimiye Takeuchi, Torrance High.

## SEEKS SUPPORT . . .

### Chamber Names Belding as Key Membership Chairman

William E. Belding has been appointed chairman of the membership and finance committee by William E. Shauger, president of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, it was reported last week.

"The criteria of a successful Chamber of Commerce is a membership that supports its 'Program of Work' with ample funds and suitable physical assistance," said

backbone of such an organization is its committee on membership and finance."

Comparing Torrance with 51 other cities Belding said he found that the average per capita support from the business and professional community was 74 cents per capita. Currently the Torrance Chamber of Commerce has a per capita support of 25 cents.

"If the Torrance Chamber of Commerce is to be the community salesman it must have adequate financial support from the business and professional members of the community," Belding concluded.

### Dog Licenses Due On July 1, Says Humane Society

City of Torrance officials this week announced that 1961 dog licenses will become due on July 1 and delinquent on September 30.

A fifty percent penalty will be charged for licenses that are allowed to run into the delinquent period.

Cost of the dog tags is \$3. Each dog to be licensed must be over four months old and must have a valid rabies certificate.

Licenses may be obtained at the South Bay Humane Society, 20336 Earl St., Torrance, or at Torrance City Hall, business license department.

### Armed Bandit Stages Daring Daylight Raid

A daring bandit staged a daylight raid on a Torrance bar last week and escaped with about \$125 after tying up the owner.

Investigating officers said that the bandit held up The Retreat, a tavern at 3603 Pacific Coast Highway and ordered owner Sidney Nevell to hand over the day's receipts from the cash register.

After taking the money the bandit forced Nevell into a back room, tied him with clothline rope and escaped.

Nevell freed himself after a few minutes and called police. Bandit made his escape in Nevell's automobile which he abandoned about a mile from the scene.

### Warn Parents of Phoney 'Survey'

The Torrance Council, PTA, this week warned parents of teenaged daughters, that an unknown man, representing himself as conducting a survey for the PTA, is calling by telephone and asking obscene questions.

Mrs. M. H. Spaulding, director of communications for the council, stated, "We of Torrance Council PTA have been advised that a telephone survey is being made in the Torrance area and the man making the telephone calls says he is representing the Torrance Council. For the information of all concerned, there is NO PTA survey being made and furthermore, PTA NEVER conducts any survey by telephone."

Police department officials have been notified of the calls.

### Torrance Gas Co. Manager to Head Salvation Army Building Campaign

Edward Gregory, manager of the Torrance office of the Southern California Gas Company, this week was named Torrance chairman for the Salvation Army's \$2,500,000 building fund drive.

Gregory's first step, he said, will be to appoint key committee chairmen and personnel.

Funds will be used for completing construction and remodeling projects at Booth Memorial Hospital for the Army's summer camp program for needy children and for the Harbor Light Center.

### Two Suspects in Death on Trial

Two ex-convicts, charged with murder of a Torrance man, went on trial Friday in Inglewood Superior Court.

The two, Charles Luther Pike, 27, a transient, and Richard D. Ceniceros, 35, of Monterey Park, are charged with the shooting death of Richard D. Kent, 30, of 18500 South Spinning Ave., a policeman on duty with the Los Angeles City police department.

The police officer was shot and killed when he walked into a Los Angeles surplus store to purchase flashlight batteries and found the hold-up in progress.

After shooting the officer the two suspects fled but were captured a few minutes later by Ken's partner, Leon J. Poor, 37, who was waiting outside for Kent.

Pike is alleged to be the suspect who killed the officer.

### SCHOOL BOARD MEET

Second school board meeting of the month will be held Tuesday evening in the district's administrative offices, 2335 Plaza Del Amo. Meeting will begin at 8 p.m.



**WILLIAM BELDING**  
... Named Chairman

Belding upon his acceptance. "Skills of business leaders in financing the operations of their firms can readily apply to the development of sound financing plans for the Chamber of Commerce," Belding stated.

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